Ir is seldom that one hears nowadays of the busicance of the quaint funeral customs which formerly existed in many an English country village, the old-world notions which gave rise to them having died out, owing perhaps to the introduction of railways and school boards. Thus in the meth of England it was customary, only a few years ago, to carry "the dead with the sun" to the grave—a practice corresponding with the Higha practice corresponding with the High-land usage of making "the deazil" or walking three times round a person ac-cording to the course of the sun. On one occasion, in the village of Stranton, near West Hartlepool, the vicar was standing at the church-yard gate, await-ing the arrival of the funeral procession, when, much to his surprise, the entire when, much to his surprise, the entire group, who had come within a few yards of him, suddenly turned back and marched round the church-yard wall, thus traversing its west, north and east boundaries. On inquiring the reason of this extraordinary procedure, one of the mourners quickly replied, "Why, ye wad no has them carry the dead again the sun; the dead maun ay go wi' the sun." This is not unlike a Welsh custom mentioned by Pennant, who tells us that when a corpse was conveyed to the church-yard from any part of the town great care was always taken that it should be carried the whole distance on the right-hand side of the road. From time immemorial there has been a strong feeling of repugnance among the inhabitants of rural parishes to burial "without the sanctuary." This does not mean in unconsecrated ground, but on the north side of the church, or in a remote corner of the church-yard. The origin of this prejudice is said to have been the notion that the northern part was that which was appropriated to the interment of unbaptized infants, excommunicated persons, or such as had laid violent hands upon themselves. Hence it was popularly known as "the wrong side of the church." In many parishes, therefore, this spot remained unoccupied, while the remaining portion of the church-yard was crowded. White, in his History of Selborne, alluding to this superstition, says that as most people wished to be buried on the south side of the church-yard, it became such a mass of mortality that no person could be interred "without disturbing or displacing the bones of his ancestors." Great attention has generally been paid, also, to the position of the grave, the popular one being from east to west, while that from north to south has been considered not only dishonorable, but unlucky

A curious surviving custom at Welsh funerals is termed the "parson's penny." After reading the burial service in the church, the clergyman stands behind a table while a psalm is being sung. In the mean time each of the mourners places a piece of money on the table for his acceptance. This ceremony is regarded as a token of respect to the deceased, although it was no doubt originally intended to compensate the clergyman for praying for the soul of the departed. In some Welsh parishes, also, a similar custom, called "spade-money," is kept up. After the corpse has been committed to its resting-place, the grave-digger presents his spade as a receptacle for do-nations, these offerings, which often amount to a goodly sum, being regarded as his perquisite. In Yorkshire, at the funerals of the rich in former days, it was customary to hand "burnt wine" to the company in a silver flagon, out of which every one drank. This beverage seems to have been a heated preparation of port-wine with sugar and spice, and should any remain, it was sent round in the flagon to the houses of friends for distribution. This, of course, was a species of funeral feast, called in the north of England an "arval"-a lingering survival of the offerings that originally were made to the ghost of the

Among the superstitions that still cling to the church-yard may be mentioned one that has existed from the most re-mote period, and which has invested it with an atmosphere of dread-it having been generally supposed that they are haunted by specters and apparitions. Indeed, it has been truly pointed out by Mr. Tylor that through all the changes of religious thought from first to last in the course of human history, the hover-ing ghosts of the dead make the midnight burial-ground a place where men's flesh creeps with terror.

An ingenious method for obviating the frequent stoppage of trains at stations, and yet accommodating the passengers from these stations, has been devised by M. Hanrez, a Frenchman. A "waiting carriage," comprising a steam engine with special gear and space for passengers and luggage, is placed on a siding at the station, and picked up by the train as it goes past. The latter, by means of a hook on its last carriage, catches a ring supported on a post and connected with a cable wound on a drum in the waiting carriage. Thereupon the drum begins to unwind, and in doing so compresses a system of springs, while the carriage is moved at springs, while the carriage is moved at sorry time of it under these conditions. a rate gradually increasing to that of the train. The engine of the carriage then winds in the cable, the train and carriage are connected, passengers are transferred (the carriages being of the American type) from the joined car-riage to the train, and vice versa, then the two are disconnected, and the engine of the carriage working on the wheels brings it back to the station whence it was taken.

FRENCH physicians have found brandy to be a perfect antitode to drunkenness from beer, and a French paper declares that cabbage is a sovereign remedy, or rather, antidote, against intoxication, and that by eating a certain amount people may drink ad libitum afterward without inconvenience.

DURING a late thunder storm near London, England, a great ball of fire was seen to descend from the clouds into a lake. After the storm over a hundred dead fish, including two carp, weighing together 28 pounds, were found floating on the surface, near the spot where the fire-ball was seen to strike.

JOHN E. Owens, the actor, has given up the stage for mining speculation in San Francisco.

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## Harvesting and Storing Turnips.

VARIOUS methods for harvesting this crop, which in Pennsylvania is not a very extensive one, are now on the tapis. We speak of turnips, proper—not rutabagas. The last improved method is to harrow the crop out and load them with a three-pronged hay-fork! This may be rather expeditious and answer well ago, and they are still open and doing ago, and they are still open and doing guess," that the old-fashioned way of application of any fertilizer. pulling them out with the hands and for them.

Of all the roots perhaps the turnip is cellar of not over forty degrees, one they are ready. may find it growing freely, after an in-carceration of but a few weeks. It is growth which is the great enemy of preservation, and it is heat which excites growth. There is a natural heat in roots when put in a heap—a little heat from one root and a little more from another soon makes a pretty high degree; but in the open field this is carried off by the open air about the pile. Hence, under cover of near protection, this natural heat is not carried off. It accumulates, the roots sprout, and thus give off more heat, and it all soon becomes a regular turnip stew. The turnip, indeed, does not mind a little frost. If they were put in small lots in stalls, where the frost could get at them, and covered with straw to prevent rapid thawing, they would keep better than if five years or even less. A farm cart

As to how best to keep turnips, that will of course depend on each person's conveniences. But if each one keeps in view the fact that heat is more likely to injure them than cold-and a very low degree at that-he will readily find out when he looks about what is the best way for him to preserve them .- Germantown Telegraph.

## Materials for Roads.

It is the practice of many highway surveyors to have the ditches by the sides of roads cleaned out in the fall of the put half a pound of flour into a bowl year, and the earth that has washed into that the water may have a chance to mixed with a little cold water. Take run. They have an idea that they can now half the weight of flour in butter or from the ditches they throw them on top | Roll the pastry out one way till it is a of the road. In point of fact they are doing very great injury to the road. An tion of the butter upon it, dredge flour tion of the comp osition of the show that it is entirely unsuited for forming a good road-bed. It consists, largely of forest leaves and grass blown by the wind, and of manure and soft soil washed down by the rain. It holds water like a sponge. When wet it has about the same operators as home the same operators as the same operators as the same operators as the same operators as the same operators are same operators. It is out again, spread the rest of the butter on it, dredge flour over once more, and roll it again to the thickness required for use. Pastry thus made is excellent for meat piece. about the same consistency as barn-yard manure. A slight rain converts it into partly cook them in as little water as mud; a continuous drouth causes it to be reduced to a fine dust by passing wagons. In the winter it freezes, and in the spring it thaws out, leaving the road in the condition of mire.

The rain ordinarily washes from roads the droppings of horses and cattle, and the soft earth that should not have been placed on them. In this respect it improves roads more than it injures them.
The material washed off should not be put back. It is a good manure, and it will pay to haul and spread it on fields that are near the ditches where it actually an are near the ditches where it actually an are near the ditches where it actually are near the disches the disch cumulates. It is an excellent manure full hour or more, covering the crust if necessary. dled when it is neither very wet nor very dry. If farmers will not remove it for manure, it should be thrown away from the road, and not upon it. A road should be composed of materials that will not readily wash away, that will not absorb much water, and which will become tolerably compact by the tread of animals and the pressure made by the wheels of vehicles. The material that is cheapest and most available in the majority of locations is clean gravel. The substance that often passes by the name of gravel, but which is a mixture of small stones, and sticky clay, and of small stones, and sticky clay, and mud, is entirely unsuitable for covering roads. The best gravel is obtained from the banks of running streams or from the beds of streams that are now dry.

intense heat, and are often killed by the root-roasting to which they are subjected, the surface of the pots often be-coming so heated that the hand can not be The best of them, too, are always in the worst place; that is, on the outside of the pots and in closest proximity to the hottest portion. Roses are frequently badly injured by exposure of the sur-face roots to too great heat. Camellias, azaleas, and many others, will not en-dure heat on the sides of thin pots. Heat at the wrong place and wrong time is fatal to many plants, which die in spite of careful attention. Double potting is an excellent way to guard against this

THE Chinese farmer sinks earthen jars of large capacity into the ground. Into these all the manure materials are put, when water is added, and the mass stirred, from time to time, until every-thing is dissolved that can be brought to that condition. It is then taken out by the pailful, and applied to the root of the plant with a little dipper. The Chinaman broadcasts no manure, as he chinaman broadcasts no manure, as ne sows nothing broadcast; he always ap-plies it in a liquid shape, and directly to the plant; and it is notorious that few anywhere in the world can beat him as an agriculturist.

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### HOME AND FARM.

RICE GRIDDLE CAKES .- One cup cold boiled rice; one pint flour; one teaspoon salt; two eggs beaten light; milk to make a tolerable thick batter. Beat all

enough where the turnips are to be fed good service. Boggy ground is proto the cattle, but is the worst possible ductive of fine fruit instead of malaria way if they are to be marketed, as pur- in one field, and in another two crops of chasers will not look at a cut and hay have been cut annually for eleven bruised article. It will be found, "we consecutive years without reseeding or

ONIONS FOR GARNISH .- Take some throwing them in heaps, and cutting the middling sized onions, cut them crosstops off with a sharp knife, will prove the best after all. It is useless to attempt to shirk the labor, if the crop is cloth with some flour; shake them to be harvested in the best manner and about on this so as to get them well a good price is expected to be obtained floured all over; put them in the frying basket, shake off superflous flour, and plunge the basket in very hot fat. As the most impatient of heat. It starts to soon as they begin to color, lift them grow on the slightest provocation. In a off, sprinkle fine salt over them and

BREAD-AND-BUTTER PUDDING .- Butbutter in rather thin slices, and the peel and currants, until the dish is nearly full, observing to have currants at the top; then pour over, slowly and equally, a custard of sweetened milk and two or three eggs, flavored to taste, and bake in a moderate oven for about twenty minutes.

Many farmers injure their farm implements more by exposure to the weather than by the use on the farm. An implement which with good care would last twenty years, will, when exposed to the weather, become useless in covered with earth, which rather serves, as we have seen, to collect the heat and boil the roots.

Invergents of even less in the server which, with good usage, would last almost a lifetime, will last only a few years when exposed to the weather.

EVE'S PUDDING .- Half a pound of grated bread, half a pound chopped greening apples, half a pound of chopped raisins, quarter of a pound of granulated sugar, quarter of a pound of chopped suet (after it is chopped and sifted), half a nutmeg, salt-spoon of salt and one cup of sweet cider. Mix all the ingredients. Boil in scalded bag or buttered mold three hours, or steam four, and serve with hot lemon sauce.

FLAKY CRUST is easily made, and is with a small pinch of salt, half a teathem thrown on top of the road-bed. spoonful of baking-powder, and half a They think it is advantageous to have teaspoonful of fine white sugar. Mix the top of the road raised as high as these ingredients thoroughly, then make possible, and they know that it is neces- into a stiff paste by stirring in the white sary to have the ditches cleared out so of one egg whisked to a stiff froth and accomplish two desirable things at the clarified dripping, or a mixture of the same time, if in taking the washings two, and divide it into two portions. over, fold it in three material removed from the ditches will with the rough edges to the front. Roll

> up two chickens as for fricassee, and possible, but with a thick root of chopped celery. Take them out upon a platter, and to the liquor add a seasoning of pepper and salt. Strain a quart of oysters, butter a baking-dish, and over the bottom lay a layer of buttercrackers, then a layer of oysters, then a layer of chicken, then more oysters and more chicken, a few split crackers (but-tered) between, until the dish is full.

# Fencing.

Among the most perplexing ques-tions affecting agriculturists at the present time is the subject of fencing—with what material to fence that will be durable and at the same time safe from endangering the life of stock. The oldtime worm rail-fence can not be thought there are no weak spots in the line, but they are frequent, and on much of the land the whole thing is impracticable. The barbed wire has of late been the material round which the hope of the farmer has centered, and this, while making a barrier for the large domestic animals that is impregnable, has other serious objections that render an absolute reliance upon it as extremely doubtful. From very many sources come the complaint of valuable animals being lac-

erated and sometimes maimed for life from coming in contact with it. Not long since an acquaintance came very near losing an eye, while putting up a line of barbed wire, caused by the staple intended to held the wire in place flying out, and the wire being drawn out of a straight line flew in the face of the operator striking him just above the rator, striking him just above the eye and tearing the eyebrow. This material has not been long enough in use to thoroughly test its durability, and it may be an open question whether rust may not soon corrode it and weaken it in anote and thus become short lived.

spots and thus become short-lived. Wherever practicable we would advise the use of the esage orange and make live hedges. This requires frequent trimming to keep it down to a proper height and in good form, but this will involve no more labor than the occasional repairing of wood fences, be-

sides being durable. It is possible that our domestic animals, through a greater familiarity with the barbed wire fence, will become so accustomed to look out for its presence as to be more on the alert and thus avert the serious consequences that have so often attended its use so far. Yet we are of the opinion that to make it completely safe from danger to animals in the midst of their playful gambols, it will be necessary that some more bulky and consequently more visible substance be attached at frequent intervals to indicate its presents. The best way of treating steel jewelry which has become rusty by lying by, is to rub it with rotten stone and oil.

vals to indicate its presence. But this will add materially to the expense of the fence.—Burlington Hawkeys.

### The Terrible Octopus.

THE ferocity of the octopus is undeniable; but doubt has hitherto been cast on the old stories which represent thi unpleasant creature as being in th habit of seizing and swamping boats
It is admitted by scientific naturalists
that the hideons thing, known to the ancient world as the polypus, and to modern boatmen as the cuttlefish or squid, attains to a portentous size and strength in the warmer seas, and is very powerful and even dangerous. Its vo-racity and the peculiar violence with which it attacks and rends its prey are well known to those persons who have seen it, weakened by captivity, and rendered less eagerly ravenous by the abundance of food ready to its thousand hands. To speak by the card, these number 960 in all, and are rather to be called fingers than hands. But what fingers! Each is a powerful sucker that expands and contracts with rapid and ever-changeful motion, and there are one hundred and twenty of them to each of the eight long, writhing, restless arms. With eyes fixed on its adversary, and with parrot-like beak advanced for the encounter, this most unsightly of all living things inspires awe by its loathsomeness not less than by its power to harm. That it will turn and fasten upon a human being, if angered or menaced with capture, is a well-established fact: and a recent occurrence reported from Adelaide goes far to revive the old story that a polypus will venture on attacking the hull of a boat. A telegram from Port Elliot, published in the South Australian papers, states that on the 20th of August last "Trooper Bruce and a man named Edward were out in the bay near Lipson's Island, examining a piece of wreckage, when their boat was encircled by the tentacles of a large octopus and pulled over till it was nearly half full of water, and in great danger of being swamped. The occupants escaped with the utmost difficulty-London Telegraph.

-Dr. S. Glbbon, medical officer of health for the Holborn district, in his report for the past year, states that, whatever may be the cause, there is no doubt that a Jew's life in London is, on the average, worth twice as many years as a Christian's. The Hebrews of the metropolis are notoriously exempt from tubercular and scrofulous taint. It is very rare that one meets with pulmonary consumption among them. The medical officer of one of their large schools has remarked that their children do not die in anything like the same ratio as Gentile children; and in the district of Whitechapel the medical officer of health has reported that on the north side of High Street, occupied by the Jews, the average death rate is 20 per 1,000, while on the south side, occupied by English and Irish, it is 48

She had been clandestinely married some time since to a young man, who grew tired of her and was trying to get her to leave the State.

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